

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Homeland  
Security****CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION****COMPETITIVE TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM, FISCAL YEAR 2005**

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) announces the opening of the Fiscal Year 2005 Competitive Training Grant Program, which will provide funding for national training initiatives that further the mission of ODP to prepare the nation to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from incidents of terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction. The application will be available at 5 p.m. on March 10, 2005 at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp> under the "What's New" section.

**Concept Paper Period:** March 10, 2005 through April 8, 2005, 8:00 p.m. EST.

\*Important Note: ODP is inviting interested parties to submit a concept paper that captures the essence of a full proposal. The concept paper must clearly demonstrate the applicant's ability to develop and deliver a weapons of mass destruction training program that is national in scope. Peer reviewers will evaluate each concept paper and, based on their recommendations, ODP will invite authors of selected concept papers to submit full applications.

**Application Period:** Invited applicants must submit full proposals by May 16, 2005, 8:00 p.m. EST. Extensions to the deadlines will not be granted.

**Eligible Applicants:** Entities eligible to receive funding under this program include: state, local, tribal and territorial governments, national associations representing public safety agencies and institutions of higher education, institutions of higher education, private corporations working in conjunction with the nonprofit sector, and nonprofit organizations.

**Issue Areas:**

Applicants must designate a single issue area under which they would like to be considered for grant funding. Applicants should address one of the following issues in their concept paper:

- Training that addresses how to develop, conduct, and maintain a government Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) program.
- Training that strengthens the ability of state and local communities to improve intelligence and operational capabilities for prevention and deterrence of terrorist acts.

- Training that provides the skills necessary to develop self-reliant community groups and individual citizens when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from an incident of national significance, e.g., Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and other recognized community-related programs.
- Training to enhance the transit systems\* (rail, bus, ferry) capacity to prevent and/or manage the consequences of terrorist attacks.
- Training that develops or augments port facilities' ability to prevent, deter, and/or respond to domestic terrorist acts.
- Training to increase or enhance the capabilities of health care providers for situations involving mass casualty care operations.

**Target Capabilities:** Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 (HSPD-8): National Preparedness, issued December 27, 2003, tasks the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the heads of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies and in consultation with State and local governments, to strengthen the preparedness of the United States to prevent and respond to threatened or actual domestic terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies. As a result of HSPD-8, DHS is engaged in a new approach to defining the Nation's preparedness through the development and implementation of target capabilities.

Target capabilities are defined as combinations of resources that provide the means to achieve a measurable outcome resulting from performance of one or more critical tasks, under specified conditions and performance standards. A capability may be delivered with any combination of properly planned, organized, equipped, trained, and exercised personnel that achieve the expected outcome. For purposes of this FY 2005 Competitive Training Grant Program, applicants will only be required to demonstrate how they will design their training to comport with one or more of the target capabilities. Applicants for FY 2005 CTGP funds must review and be familiar with the target capabilities. A list and explanation of the target capabilities can be found at [www.ijis.gov](http://www.ijis.gov).

**DUNS Number:** Beginning October 1, 2003, a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number must be included in every application for a new grant or renewal of an award. The DUNS number will be required whether an applicant submits an application through the Office of Justice Programs' Grants Management System or using the government-wide electronic portal (<http://www.grants.gov>). An application will not be considered complete until a valid DUNS number is provided by the applicant. Individuals who would personally receive a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal government are exempt from this requirement.

Applicants can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711.

**For further information:**

**Applicants May Contact:** 1-800-368-6498, Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk

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